Piling up of garbage around Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai

457. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that loads of garbage, generated from over 65,000 illegal hutments around the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, blocks the emergency gate of main runway; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the State as well as the Centre to provide safety to Airport and its runways?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A covered garbage bin near the emergency gate has been provided by Brihan Mumbai Mahanagar Palika. Although the bin does not block the gate, it has been observed that at times garbage has been thrown in the open area outside the covered bin.

(b) steps taken to ensure the area free of garbage are:

(1) Regulgar inspections by Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials.

(2) Issue has been taken up with Mumbai Mahanagar Palika for regular clearance of garbage from the garbage bin and collection of garbage thrown in open area.

(3) AAI has also taken up the matter with Mumbai Mahanagar Palika to shift this covered garbage bin from its present location to a location where chances of blocking of gate will be considerably reduced.

Establishment of specialised security force for airports

458. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish a specialised security force for airports; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD

YADAV): (a) and (b) It has been decided to deploy Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in place of the State Police for security duties at all operational domestic airports in the first phase. The CISF has already taken over the security duties at Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara and Port Blair airports.

Leasing of major airports

†459. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:
SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to lease out five major airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it will be given to any foreign companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) It has been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long-term lease. At present, the existing airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta are being taken up for this exercise.

The purpose of restructuring of airports is as under:—

(i) to improve the managerial efficiency;

(ii) to bring the standards of services/facilities at par with the international standards.

(iii) to attract investments from private sector for (i) and (ii) above.

(c) and (d) As per policy on Airport infrastructure, foreign equity participation can be permitted upto 74% with automatic approval and upto 100% with special permission. Such participation could also be by foreign airport authorities.

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